

§65.57 Experience requirements.

An applicant for an aircraft dispatcher certificate must present documentary evidence satisfactory to the Administrator that he has the experience prescribed in any one of the following paragraphs:

(a) A total of at least 2 of the 3 years before the date he applies, in scheduled air carrier operations, scheduled military aviation operations, or any other aircraft operations that the Administrator finds provides equivalent experience—

- (1) As a pilot member of a flight crew;
- (2) As a flight radio operator or ground radio operator;
- (3) As a flight navigator;
- (4) As a meteorologist;
- (5) Performing the duties of an aircraft dispatcher or his assistant; or
- (6) Performing other duties that the Administrator finds provide equivalent experience.

(b) A total of at least 2 of the 3 years before the date he applies, as an air route traffic controller or a certificated air-traffic control-tower operator.

(c) A total of at least 1 of the 2 years before the date he applies, as an assistant in dispatching scheduled air carrier aircraft performing the duties of an aircraft dispatcher under the direct supervision of a certificated dispatcher.

(d) Within 90 days before the date he applies, successful completion of a course of instruction approved by the Administrator as adequate for the training of an aircraft dispatcher.

An applicant is entitled to credit any combination of experience in paragraph (a), or paragraphs (a) and (b), of this section, if the aggregate of that experience is at least 2 years.

§65.59 Skill requirements.

An applicant for an aircraft dispatcher certificate must pass a practical test—

- (a) With respect to any one type of large aircraft used in air carrier operations, on—
 - (1) Weight and balance limitations;
 - (2) Performance operating limitations;
 - (3) Using cruise control charts;

(4) Fuel and oil capacities and rates of consumption; and

(5) Using the operations manual;

(b) On the characteristics of air routes and airports with particular reference to—

- (1) Landing areas;
- (2) Lighting facilities; and
- (3) Approach and landing facilities and procedures;
- (c) On the use and limitations of sensitive-type altimeters;
- (d) On applying available weather forecasts and reports to determine whether a flight can be made safely;
- (e) On using the Airman's Guide and the Flight Information Manual;
- (f) On dispatching and assisting a flight under adverse weather conditions; and
- (g) On emergency procedures.

§65.61 Aircraft dispatcher courses.

An applicant for approval of an aircraft dispatcher course shall submit a letter to the Administrator requesting approval, and shall also submit three copies of the course outline, a description of his equipment and facilities and a list of the instructors and their qualifications. Requirements for the course and the outline are set forth in appendix A to this part.

Subpart D—Mechanics

§65.71 Eligibility requirements: General.

(a) To be eligible for a mechanic certificate and associated ratings, a person must—

- (1) Be at least 18 years of age;
 - (2) Be able to read, write, speak, and understand the English language, or in the case of an applicant who does not meet this requirement and who is employed outside of the United States by a U.S. air carrier, have his certificate endorsed "Valid only outside the United States";
 - (3) Have passed all of the prescribed tests within a period of 24 months; and
 - (4) Comply with the sections of this subpart that apply to the rating he seeks.
- (b) A certificated mechanic who applies for an additional rating must meet the requirements of §65.77 and, within a period of 24 months, pass the